

Alexandria Gazette.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 22 1899

CHRISTMAS IN VIRGINIA.

A Virginia Christmas is an institution peculiarly the product of its people, who are unlike all other people, in that the force of tradition finds expression in generations far removed from the ancestral period of its highest social and domestic life.

In the ante-bellum days Christmas was an event looked forward to and planned for months in advance.

The first breath of bracing wind from the north, in the early fall, was the signal for the thorough housewife to commence planning. The turkeys, ranging in the trees by right, and fastening at leisure in daylight, assumed rounded form and large proportions as the fat of the day drew near. Barrels of apples spread upon straw in an unusur-garret, mellowed and colored to perfection. The sleek pig, running at large until a month before Christmas, watched "the men" fit the big scalding hog-head at an angle of 45 degrees, in the ground, and place the stout beam in position from which they were so soon to be suspended, a cob in the man's hand, emphasizing the silence following the last hear-rendering death-qual. In the cellar, storehouse or "lockroom," the brandy increased in age and strength, casked spread over super or wines in casks, and the key to the liquid delights was carefully guarded by experienced elier members of the family.

And when Chris mas did come! No other day could be compared with it. The brew of eggnog thawed the cheeks of the most frigid heart. Sociability reigned universally. In every neighborhood there was an endless succession of "frolics," and the man with the fiddle was more in request than a modern plumber.

It is to be feared that the modern of-fense is not the time of simple, sincere joy it once was in Virginia. Con-ditions have changed. The struggle for existence has absorbed more and more the thought and attention of Vir-ginia. Thousands will pick on to the verge of the annual festival, and working on the morrow of the day, er-oid as its most grateful luxury, the op-portunity it affords for an extra hour's nap and for getting acquainted with one's family. The good housewife, true to traditions, will have provided the inevitable turkey, and small socks and long stockings, hanging behind the stove—not above a fireplace—will bulge with confections at the top and dolls and cheap children's delights piled above and extending into view above the pedal receptacle.

But still it will be Christmas Day, and as such it must be observed—if not as one would, then, for appearance's sake, as one must.

Son of an Ohio Merchant Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometimes he has been so bad that he could not get out of bed. I have tried every medicine I could get, but nothing has done him any good. I have heard of Cascarets, and I have bought a box, and I have given him one, and he is cured. I am so glad that I have found a cure for my son's trouble. I have heard of Cascarets, and I have bought a box, and I have given him one, and he is cured. I am so glad that I have found a cure for my son's trouble.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathar-tic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all im-purities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

WILL RUN TO SAVANNAH.

Commencing December 10 the Southern Railway Company will operate through train service over its own line from Columbia, Perry, Black Hills and Hendale, S. C. to and out of Savannah, Ga.

SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

On account of the meeting of the above association the Southern Railway Company will sell tickets to Miami, Fla. and return at rate of one first class fare for the trip, plus \$2.00 membership fee. Tickets to be sold Decem-ber 24 and 25. Final limit January 8.

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company an-nounces the following personally-conducted tours for the season of 1899 and 1900: Mexico and California—A forty-day tour will leave New York and Philadelphia Feb-ruary 13. Fourteen days will be spent in Mexico and eighteen in California. The party will travel over the entire route by the "Mexico and California Special," the finest train that crosses the continent. Florida—Four trips to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia January 23, February 6 and 20, and March 6. The first three of these admit of a sojourn of two weeks in the "Flowery State." Tickets for the fourth tour will be good to return by regular trains until May 31, 1900.

TICKETS FOR THE ABOVE TOURS WILL BE SOLD

at all principal points on the Pennsylvania Railroad. For full information ad-dress C. Studds, Passenger Agent Southeast-ern District, Washington.

CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS.

Leaving Washington every Monday, Wed-nesday and Friday at 10:45 p. m., via South-ern Railway, new tourist sleeper, personally conducted, so through to San Francisco with-out change of cars. The route is through At-lanta, Montgomery, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, New Mexico, Arizona and south-ern California. The cars are very light and comfortable. The route is through At-lanta, Montgomery, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, New Mexico, Arizona and south-ern California. The cars are very light and comfortable. The route is through At-lanta, Montgomery, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, New Mexico, Arizona and south-ern California. The cars are very light and comfortable.

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Take one or two of the tablets after each meal.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS—10 CENTS.

Royal Headache Tablets Are Absolutely Harmless.

MEETINGS.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE WASH-

INGTON NATIONAL BUILDING

AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, of Wash-

ington, D. C. are hereby notified that the an-

nuual meeting of the stockholders of said as-

sociation will be held at the principal office of

the association in the city of Alexandria, Vir-

ginia, at eleven o'clock a. m., WEDNESDAY,

January 17, 1900. By order of the Board

of Directors.

J. S. B. WILSON, Executive

Committee.

H. BRADLEY DAVIDSON, N. E. DOAN

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, JOHN O. JOHNSON,

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the GEORGE W. KNOX EXPRESS

COMPANY, for the election of the

board of directors, will be held at the

principal office of the company, No. 113

North Union street, Alexandria, Va., on

THURSDAY, January 4, 1900, at 2 p. m.

By order of the Board of Directors.

CHARLES E. VAN ALSDALE, Secy.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

STOCKHOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON

AND ALEXANDRIA TURNPIKE COMPANY

will be held at the principal office of the

company, No. 113 North Union street,

Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, January 1,

1900, at 12 o'clock m.

By order of the Board of Directors.

ALBERT HEWSON, Clerk.

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THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1899.

The annual election for directors of this

bank will be held at the banking house on

TUESDAY, January 2, 1900, between the

hours of 11 and 12 o'clock m.

WM. H. LAMBERT, Cashier.

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Whiskies; also Baker's and Thompson's Pure

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